

## Calendar No. 262

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION**S. 2099**

To provide for the management by the Secretary of Agriculture of certain Federal land, and for other purposes.

---

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 8, 2017

Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

NOVEMBER 16, 2017

Reported by Mr. ROBERTS, without amendment

---

**A BILL**

To provide for the management by the Secretary of Agriculture of certain Federal land, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5       “Federal Land Management Act of 2017”.

6       (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
7       this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Definition of Secretary.
- Sec. 3. Release of reversionary interest of United States in and to certain land in Old Town, Maine.
- Sec. 4. Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest land adjustment.
- Sec. 5. Tennessee wilderness.
- Sec. 6. Additions to Rough Mountain and Rich Hole Wildernesses.
- Sec. 7. Kisatchie National Forest land conveyance.
- Sec. 8. Purchase of Natural Resources Conservation Service property, Riverside County, California.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF SECRETARY.**

2       In this Act, the term “Secretary” means the Sec-  
3 retary of Agriculture.

4 **SEC. 3. RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST OF UNITED**  
5 **STATES IN AND TO CERTAIN LAND IN OLD**  
6 **TOWN, MAINE.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 32(c) of  
8 the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C.  
9 1011(c)), if the City of Old Town, Maine, makes a written  
10 request to the Secretary, the Secretary shall release, con-  
11 vey, and quitclaim, without monetary consideration, all  
12 rights, title, and interest of the United States in and to  
13 the land described in subsection (b).

14       (b) LAND DESCRIBED.—The land referred to in sub-  
15 section (a) is the land—

16           (1) conveyed by the United States to the City  
17 of Old Town, Maine, under section 32(c) of the  
18 Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C.  
19 1011(c)) by the deed dated June 5, 1941;

1           (2) proposed for conveyance by the City of Old  
2           Town, Maine, for the purpose of economic develop-  
3           ment; and

4           (3) described in the written request submitted  
5           by the City of Old Town, Maine, to the Secretary  
6           pursuant to subsection (a).

7 **SEC. 4. CHATTAHOOCHEE-OCONEE NATIONAL FOREST**  
8 **LAND ADJUSTMENT.**

9           (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

10           (1) certain National Forest System land in the  
11           State of Georgia consists of isolated tracts that are  
12           inefficient to manage or have lost their principal  
13           value for National Forest purposes;

14           (2) the disposal of that land would be in the  
15           public interest; and

16           (3) proceeds from the sale of land authorized by  
17           this section would be used best by the Forest Service  
18           to purchase land for National Forest purposes in the  
19           State of Georgia.

20           (b) LAND CONVEYANCE AUTHORITY.—

21           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized,  
22           under such terms and conditions as the Secretary  
23           may prescribe, to sell or exchange any or all rights,  
24           title, and interest of the United States in the Na-

1 tional Forest System land described in paragraph  
2 (2).

3 (2) LAND AUTHORIZED FOR DISPOSAL.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The National Forest  
5 System land subject to sale or exchange under  
6 this section are 30 tracts of land totaling ap-  
7 proximately 3,841 acres, which are generally  
8 depicted on 2 maps entitled “Priority Land Ad-  
9 justments, State of Georgia, U.S. Forest Serv-  
10 ice—Southern Region, Oconee and Chattahoo-  
11 chee National Forests, U.S. Congressional Dis-  
12 tricts—8, 9, 10 & 14” and dated September 24,  
13 2013.

14 (B) MAPS.—The maps described in sub-  
15 paragraph (A) shall be on file and available for  
16 public inspection in the Office of the Forest Su-  
17 pervisor, Chattahoochee-Oconee National For-  
18 est, until such time as the land is sold or ex-  
19 changed.

20 (C) MODIFICATION OF BOUNDARIES.—The  
21 Secretary may modify the boundaries of the  
22 land described in subparagraph (A) based on  
23 land management considerations.

24 (3) FORM OF CONVEYANCE.—

1           (A) QUITCLAIM DEED.—The Secretary  
2 shall convey land sold under this section by  
3 quitclaim deed.

4           (B) RESERVATIONS.—The Secretary may  
5 reserve any rights-of-way or other rights or in-  
6 terests in land sold or exchanged under this  
7 section that the Secretary considers necessary  
8 for management purposes or to protect the pub-  
9 lic interest.

10       (4) VALUATION.—

11           (A) MARKET VALUE.—The Secretary may  
12 not sell or exchange land under this section for  
13 less than market value, as determined by ap-  
14 praisal or through competitive bid.

15           (B) APPRAISAL REQUIREMENTS.—Any ap-  
16 praisal shall be—

17               (i) consistent with the Uniform Ap-  
18 praisal Standards for Federal Land Acqui-  
19 sitions or the Uniform Standards of Pro-  
20 fessional Appraisal Practice; and

21               (ii) subject to the approval of the Sec-  
22 retary.

23       (5) CONSIDERATION.—

1 (A) CASH.—Consideration for a sale of  
2 land or equalization of an exchange under this  
3 section shall be paid in cash.

4 (B) EXCHANGE.—Notwithstanding section  
5 206(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-  
6 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716(b)), the  
7 Secretary may accept a cash equalization pay-  
8 ment in excess of 25 percent of the value of any  
9 land exchanged under this section.

10 (6) METHOD OF SALE.—

11 (A) OPTIONS.—The Secretary may sell  
12 land under paragraph (1) at public or private  
13 sale, including competitive sale by auction, bid,  
14 or otherwise, in accordance with such terms,  
15 conditions, and procedures as the Secretary de-  
16 termines are in the best interest of the United  
17 States.

18 (B) SOLICITATIONS.—The Secretary  
19 may—

20 (i) make public or private solicitations  
21 for the sale or exchange of land authorized  
22 by this section; and

23 (ii) reject any offer that the Secretary  
24 determines is not adequate or not in the  
25 public interest.

1 (7) BROKERS.—The Secretary may—

2 (A) use brokers or other third parties in  
3 the disposition of the land authorized by this  
4 section; and

5 (B) from the proceeds of a sale, pay rea-  
6 sonable commissions or fees.

7 (c) TREATMENT OF PROCEEDS.—

8 (1) DEPOSIT.—Subject to subsection (b)(7)(B),  
9 the Secretary shall deposit the proceeds of a sale or  
10 cash equalizations payments authorized by this sec-  
11 tion in the fund established under Public Law 90–  
12 171 (commonly known as the “Sisk Act”) (16  
13 U.S.C. 484a).

14 (2) AVAILABILITY.—Subject to paragraph (3),  
15 amounts deposited under paragraph (1) shall be  
16 available to the Secretary until expended, without  
17 further appropriation, for the acquisition of land for  
18 National Forest purposes in the State of Georgia.

19 (3) PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION.—Nothing  
20 in this section authorizes the use of funds deposited  
21 under paragraph (1) to be used to acquire land with-  
22 out the written consent of the owner of the land.

23 **SEC. 5. TENNESSEE WILDERNESS.**

24 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-  
2           titled “Proposed Wilderness Areas and Additions-  
3           Cherokee National Forest” and dated January 20,  
4           2010.

5           (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State  
6           of Tennessee.

7           (b) ADDITIONS TO CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST.—

8           (1) DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS.—In accord-  
9           ance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et  
10          seq.), the following parcels of Federal land in the  
11          Cherokee National Forest in the State are des-  
12          ignated as wilderness and as additions to the Na-  
13          tional Wilderness Preservation System:

14                (A) Certain land comprising approximately  
15                9,038 acres, as generally depicted as the  
16                “Upper Bald River Wilderness” on the Map  
17                and which shall be known as the “Upper Bald  
18                River Wilderness”.

19                (B) Certain land comprising approximately  
20                348 acres, as generally depicted as the “Big  
21                Frog Addition” on the Map and which shall be  
22                incorporated in, and shall be considered to be a  
23                part of, the Big Frog Wilderness.

24                (C) Certain land comprising approximately  
25                630 acres, as generally depicted as the “Little



1 Frog Mountain Addition NW” on the Map and  
2 which shall be incorporated in, and shall be con-  
3 sidered to be a part of, the Little Frog Moun-  
4 tain Wilderness.

5 (D) Certain land comprising approximately  
6 336 acres, as generally depicted as the “Little  
7 Frog Mountain Addition NE” on the Map and  
8 which shall be incorporated in, and shall be con-  
9 sidered to be a part of, the Little Frog Moun-  
10 tain Wilderness.

11 (E) Certain land comprising approximately  
12 2,922 acres, as generally depicted as the  
13 “Sampson Mountain Addition” on the Map and  
14 which shall be incorporated in, and shall be con-  
15 sidered to be a part of, the Sampson Mountain  
16 Wilderness.

17 (F) Certain land comprising approximately  
18 4,446 acres, as generally depicted as the “Big  
19 Laurel Branch Addition” on the Map and  
20 which shall be incorporated in, and shall be con-  
21 sidered to be a part of, the Big Laurel Branch  
22 Wilderness.

23 (G) Certain land comprising approximately  
24 1,836 acres, as generally depicted as the “Joyce  
25 Kilmer-Slickrock Addition” on the Map and

1 which shall be incorporated in, and shall be con-  
2 sidered to be a part of, the Joyce Kilmer-  
3 Slickrock Wilderness.

4 (2) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable  
6 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
7 retary shall file maps and legal descriptions of  
8 the wilderness areas designated by paragraph  
9 (1) with the appropriate committees of Con-  
10 gress.

11 (B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The maps  
12 and legal descriptions filed under subparagraph  
13 (A) shall be on file and available for public in-  
14 spection in the office of the Chief of the Forest  
15 Service and the office of the Supervisor of the  
16 Cherokee National Forest.

17 (C) FORCE OF LAW.—The maps and legal  
18 descriptions filed under subparagraph (A) shall  
19 have the same force and effect as if included in  
20 this Act, except that the Secretary may correct  
21 typographical errors in the maps and descrip-  
22 tions.

23 (3) ADMINISTRATION.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid exist-  
25 ing rights, the Federal land designated as wil-

1           derness by paragraph (1) shall be administered  
 2           by the Secretary in accordance with the Wilder-  
 3           ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that  
 4           any reference in that Act to the effective date  
 5           of that Act shall be deemed to be a reference  
 6           to the date of enactment of this Act.

7           (B) FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.—

8           In accordance with section 4(d)(7) of the Wil-  
 9           derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(7)), nothing in  
 10          this section affects the jurisdiction of the State  
 11          with respect to fish and wildlife management  
 12          (including the regulation of hunting, fishing,  
 13          and trapping) in the wilderness areas des-  
 14          ignated by paragraph (1).

15 **SEC. 6. ADDITIONS TO ROUGH MOUNTAIN AND RICH HOLE**  
 16 **WILDERNESSES.**

17          (a) ROUGH MOUNTAIN ADDITION.—Section 1 of  
 18          Public Law 100–326 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; 102 Stat.  
 19          584; 114 Stat. 2057; 123 Stat. 1002) is amended by add-  
 20          ing at the end the following:

21               “(21) ROUGH MOUNTAIN ADDITION.—Certain  
 22          land in the George Washington National Forest  
 23          comprising approximately 1,000 acres, as generally  
 24          depicted as the ‘Rough Mountain Addition’ on the  
 25          map entitled ‘GEORGE WASHINGTON NA-

1 TIONAL FOREST – South half – Alternative I –  
 2 Selected Alternative Management Prescriptions –  
 3 Land and Resources Management Plan Final Envi-  
 4 ronmental Impact Statement’ and dated March 4,  
 5 2014, which is incorporated in the Rough Mountain  
 6 Wilderness Area designated by paragraph (1).”.

7 (b) RICH HOLE ADDITION.—

8 (1) POTENTIAL WILDERNESS DESIGNATION.—

9 In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act  
 10 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), certain land in the George  
 11 Washington National Forest comprising approxi-  
 12 mately 4,600 acres, as generally depicted as the  
 13 “Rich Hole Addition” on the map entitled  
 14 “GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL FOREST  
 15 – South half – Alternative I – Selected Alternative  
 16 Management Prescriptions – Land and Resources  
 17 Management Plan Final Environmental Impact  
 18 Statement” and dated March 4, 2014, is designated  
 19 as a potential wilderness area for incorporation in  
 20 the Rich Hole Wilderness Area designated by section  
 21 1(2) of Public Law 100–326 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note;  
 22 102 Stat. 584; 114 Stat. 2057; 123 Stat. 1002).

23 (2) WILDERNESS DESIGNATION.—The potential  
 24 wilderness area designated by paragraph (1) shall be  
 25 designated as wilderness and incorporated in the

1 Rich Hole Wilderness Area designated by section  
2 1(2) of Public Law 100–326 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note;  
3 102 Stat. 584; 114 Stat. 2057; 123 Stat. 1002) on  
4 the earlier of—

5 (A) the date on which the Secretary pub-  
6 lishes in the Federal Register notice that the  
7 activities permitted under paragraph (4) have  
8 been completed; or

9 (B) the date that is 5 years after the date  
10 of enactment of this Act.

11 (3) MANAGEMENT.—Except as provided in  
12 paragraph (4), the Secretary shall manage the po-  
13 tential wilderness area designated by paragraph (1)  
14 in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.  
15 1131 et seq.).

16 (4) WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVI-  
17 TIES.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—To enhance natural  
19 ecosystems within the potential wilderness area  
20 designated by paragraph (1) by implementing  
21 certain activities to improve water quality and  
22 aquatic passage, as set forth in the Forest  
23 Service document entitled “Decision Notice for  
24 the Lower Cowpasture Restoration and Man-  
25 agement Project” and dated December 2015,

the Secretary may use motorized equipment and mechanized transport in the potential wilderness area until the date on which the potential wilderness area is incorporated into the Rich Hole Wilderness Area under paragraph (2).

(B) REQUIREMENT.—In carrying out subparagraph (A), the Secretary, to the maximum extent practicable, shall use the minimum tool or administrative practice necessary to carry out that subparagraph with the least amount of adverse impact on wilderness character and resources.

**SEC. 7. KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST LAND CONVEYANCE.**

(a) FINDING.—Congress finds that it is in the public interest to authorize the conveyance of certain Federal land in the Kisatchie National Forest in the State of Louisiana for market value consideration.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COLLINS CAMP PROPERTIES.—The term “Collins Camp Properties” means Collins Camp Properties, Inc., a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State.

(2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State of Louisiana.

1 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF CONVEYANCES, KISATCHIE  
2 NATIONAL FOREST, LOUISIANA.—

3 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid exist-  
5 ing rights and paragraph (2), the Secretary  
6 may convey the Federal land described in sub-  
7 paragraph (B) by quitclaim deed at public or  
8 private sale, including competitive sale by auc-  
9 tion, bid, or other methods.

10 (B) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The Federal  
11 land referred to in subparagraph (A) consists  
12 of—

13 (i) all Federal land within sec. 9, T.  
14 10 N., R. 5 W., Winn Parish, Louisiana;  
15 and

16 (ii) a 2.16-acre parcel of Federal land  
17 located in the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of sec. 4, T. 10 N.,  
18 R. 5 W., Winn Parish, Louisiana, as de-  
19 picted on a certificate of survey dated  
20 March 7, 2007, by Glen L. Cannon, P.L.S.  
21 4436.

22 (2) FIRST RIGHT OF PURCHASE.—Subject to  
23 valid existing rights and subsection (e), during the  
24 1-year period beginning on the date of enactment of  
25 this Act, on the provision of consideration by the

1 Collins Camp Properties to the Secretary, the Sec-  
2 retary shall convey, by quitclaim deed, to Collins  
3 Camp Properties all right, title and interest of the  
4 United States in and to—

5 (A) not more than 47.92 acres of Federal  
6 land comprising the Collins Campsites within  
7 sec. 9, T. 10 N., R. 5 W., in Winn Parish, Lou-  
8 isiana, as generally depicted on a certificate of  
9 survey dated February 28, 2007, by Glen L.  
10 Cannon, P.L.S. 4436; and

11 (B) the parcel of Federal land described in  
12 paragraph (1)(B)(ii).

13 (3) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary  
14 may—

15 (A) configure the Federal land to be con-  
16 veyed under this section—

17 (i) to maximize the marketability of  
18 the conveyance; or

19 (ii) to achieve management objectives;  
20 and

21 (B) establish any terms and conditions for  
22 the conveyances under this section that the Sec-  
23 retary determines to be in the public interest.

24 (4) CONSIDERATION.—Consideration for a con-  
25 veyance of Federal land under this section shall be—



1 (A) in the form of cash; and

2 (B) in an amount equal to the market  
3 value of the Federal land being conveyed, as de-  
4 termined under paragraph (5).

5 (5) MARKET VALUE.—The market value of the  
6 Federal land conveyed under this section shall be de-  
7 termined—

8 (A) in the case of Federal land conveyed  
9 under paragraph (2), by an appraisal that is—

10 (i) conducted in accordance with the  
11 Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal  
12 Land Acquisitions; and

13 (ii) approved by the Secretary; or

14 (B) if conveyed by a method other than the  
15 methods described in paragraph (2), by com-  
16 petitive sale.

17 (6) HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—In any conveyance of  
19 Federal land under this section, the Secretary  
20 shall meet disclosure requirements for haz-  
21 ardous substances, but shall otherwise not be  
22 required to remediate or abate the substances.

23 (B) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection  
24 otherwise affects the application of the Com-  
25 prehensive Environmental Response, Compensa-

1           tion, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601  
2           et seq.) to the conveyances of Federal land.

3           (d) PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF LAND.—The Sec-  
4   retary shall deposit the proceeds of a conveyance of Fed-  
5   eral land under subsection (c) in the fund established  
6   under Public Law 90–171 (commonly known as the “Sisk  
7   Act”) (16 U.S.C. 484a).

8           (e) ADMINISTRATION.—

9           (1) COSTS.—As a condition of a conveyance of  
10   Federal land to Collins Camp Properties under sub-  
11   section (c), the Secretary shall require Collins Camp  
12   Properties to pay at closing—

13                   (A) reasonable appraisal costs; and

14                   (B) the cost of any administrative and en-  
15   vironmental analyses required by law (including  
16   regulations).

17           (2) PERMITS.—

18                   (A) IN GENERAL.—An offer by Collins  
19   Camp Properties for the acquisition of the Fed-  
20   eral land under subsection (c) shall be accom-  
21   panied by a written statement from each holder  
22   of a Forest Service special use authorization  
23   with respect to the Federal land that specifies  
24   that the holder agrees to relinquish the special

1 use authorization on the conveyance of the Fed-  
 2 eral land to Collins Camp Properties.

3 (B) SPECIAL USE AUTHORIZATIONS.—If  
 4 any holder of a special use authorization de-  
 5 scribed in subparagraph (A) fails to provide a  
 6 written authorization in accordance with that  
 7 subparagraph, the Secretary shall require, as a  
 8 condition of the conveyance, that Collins Camp  
 9 Properties administer the special use authoriza-  
 10 tion according to the terms of the special use  
 11 authorization until the date on which the spe-  
 12 cial use authorization expires.

13 **SEC. 8. PURCHASE OF NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVA-**  
 14 **TION SERVICE PROPERTY, RIVERSIDE COUN-**  
 15 **TY, CALIFORNIA.**

16 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

17 (1) Since 1935, the United States has owned a  
 18 parcel of land in Riverside, California, consisting of  
 19 approximately 8.75 acres, more specifically described  
 20 in subsection (b)(1) (in this section referred to as  
 21 the “property”).

22 (2) The property is under the jurisdiction of the  
 23 Department of Agriculture and has been variously  
 24 used for research and plant materials purposes.

1           (3) Since 1998, the property has been adminis-  
 2           tered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service  
 3           of the Department of Agriculture.

4           (4) Since 2002, the property has been co-man-  
 5           aged under a cooperative agreement between the  
 6           Natural Resources Conservation Service and the  
 7           Riverside Corona Resource Conservation District,  
 8           which is a legal subdivision of the State of California  
 9           under section 9003 of the California Public Re-  
 10          sources Code.

11          (5) The Conservation District wishes to pur-  
 12          chase the property and use it for conservation, envi-  
 13          ronmental, and related educational purposes.

14          (6) As provided in subsection (b), the purchase  
 15          of the property by the Conservation District would  
 16          promote the conservation education and related ac-  
 17          tivities of the Conservation District and result in  
 18          savings to the Federal Government.

19          (b) LAND PURCHASE, NATURAL RESOURCES CON-  
 20          SERVATION SERVICE PROPERTY, RIVERSIDE COUNTY,  
 21          CALIFORNIA.—

22          (1) PURCHASE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary  
 23          shall sell and quitclaim to the Riverside Corona Re-  
 24          source Conservation District (in this section referred  
 25          to as the “Conservation District”) all right, title,

1 and interest of the United States in and to a parcel  
2 of real property, including improvements thereon,  
3 that is located at 4500 Glenwood Drive in Riverside,  
4 California, consists of approximately 8.75 acres, and  
5 is administered by the Natural Resources Conserva-  
6 tion Service of the Department of Agriculture. As  
7 necessary or desirable to facilitate the purchase of  
8 the property under this subsection, the Secretary or  
9 the Conservation District may survey all or portions  
10 of the property.

11 (2) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration for the  
12 purchase of the property under this subsection, the  
13 Conservation District shall pay to the Secretary an  
14 amount equal to the appraised value of the property.

15 (3) PROHIBITION ON RESERVATION OF INTER-  
16 EST.—The Secretary shall not reserve any future in-  
17 terest in the property to be conveyed under this sub-  
18 section, except such interest as may be acceptable to  
19 the Conservation District.

20 (4) HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.—Notwith-  
21 standing section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Envi-  
22 ronmental Response, Compensation, and Liability  
23 Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)) or the Solid Waste  
24 Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), in the case  
25 of the property purchased by the Conservation Dis-

1        trict under this subsection, the Secretary shall be  
2        only required to meet the disclosure requirements for  
3        hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants,  
4        but shall otherwise not be required to remediate or  
5        abate any such releases of hazardous substances,  
6        pollutants, or contaminants, including petroleum and  
7        petroleum derivatives.

8            (5) COOPERATIVE AUTHORITY.—

9            (A) LEASES, CONTRACTS, AND COOPERA-  
10          TIVE AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED.—In conjunc-  
11          tion with, or in addition to, the purchase of the  
12          property by the Conservation District under  
13          this subsection, the Secretary may enter into  
14          leases, contracts and cooperative agreements  
15          with the Conservation District.

16          (B) SOLE SOURCE.—Notwithstanding sec-  
17          tions 3105, 3301, and 3303 to 3305 of title 41,  
18          United States Code, or any other provision of  
19          law, the Secretary may lease real property from  
20          the Conservation District on a noncompetitive  
21          basis.

22          (C) NON-EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY.—The  
23          authority provided by this subsection is in addi-  
24          tion to any other authority of the Secretary.



**Calendar No. 262**

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST Session

**S. 2099**

**A BILL**

To provide for the management by the Secretary of Agriculture of certain Federal land, and for other purposes.

NOVEMBER 16, 2017

Reported without amendment